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Re: Solid Waste Rate Changes in Thorne Bay

Dear Thorne Bay Solid Waste Customer,

The City of Thorne Bay has been subsidizing solid waste operations for Thorne Bay residents, businesses, and surrounding communities since opening our processing facility in 1994. Over the past five years, the City has contributed over (\$400,000) of general fund monies to continue providing solid waste services. The City of Thorne Bay can not continue to subsidize solid waste operations at these levels.

Continually escalating expenses, aging infrastructure and an atrophying customer base is increasing this subsidy every year. In order to preserve the City's ability to provide services in the future, rate changes were necessary. Attached to this letter are the rates effective January 1, 2010 for Thorne Bay Solid Waste customers.

Additionally, we are making efforts to reduce overhead and expenses at our facility. Thus, as of February 1, 2010, our facility will observe the following schedule:

Monday - closed  
Tuesday - in-town collection  
Wednesday - closed  
Thursday - open 9am to 4 pm for public hours  
Friday - open 9 am to 4 pm for public hours

Saturday public hours will be from 9 am to 4 pm *every other Saturday* beginning 2/6/2010. The Saturday schedule is attached as well. This will reduce overhead by ~\$12,000 for FY11.

Lastly, we are limiting garbage trucks and other large volume waste haulers to deposit refuse to our facility on the first Thursday of each month only. This improves the City's ability to adequately staff and manage our facility in a more efficient and structured manner. No changes in dates or frequency of collection are planned for residences or business in Thorne Bay. In-town collection will still occur on Tuesday each week with as-needed or secondary collection upon request on Friday.

The City is making every effort to improve the financial stability of our solid waste operations. We are committed to providing the best possible service to our community and look forward to servicing your solid waste needs in the future.

Harvey E. McDonald  
Acting Mayor

## **SOLID WASTE RATE SCHEDULE**

(Incorporated by reference in 13.70.150)

### **SOLID WASTE RATES**

The following rates are adopted and effective for billings rendered on and after January 1, 2010

#### **Section A:**

The following monthly rates apply to residential, senior, and commercial service:

#### **Residential/Commercial:**

Number of Pick Ups Per Week	Two 33 Gal. Cans Minimum Rate Per Dwelling Unit or	For Each Additional Can or Overflow	Dumpsters Per Month
<b>1</b>	<b>\$36.00</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$72.00</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>

#### **Senior Rate:**

Number of Pick Ups Per Week	Two 33 Gal. Cans Minimum Rate Per Dwelling Unit or	For Each Additional Can or Overflow	Dumpsters Per Month
<b>1</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>	<b>\$9.00</b>	<b>\$62.50</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$36.00</b>	<b>\$9.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>

*To qualify for senior utility rate a senior with a tax exempt number must reside in the dwelling and the utility account must be in the senior's name.*

#### **Section B:**

The following rates apply to users who transfer their own refuse to the municipal landfill:

Residential Refuse (rubbish, trash, animal and vegetable waste, kitchen and household waste, paper, food containers, leaves, lawn trimmings, weeds, tree and hedge trimmings, scrap wood, furniture, plastic pipe, stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, freezers, etc.): \$0.15 cents per pound with a minimum charge of \$7.00 plus tax up to 50lbs.

Commercial Waste: \$0.15 per pound with an additional \$25.00 tipping fee.

Disposal of all automobiles, pickup trucks, and scrap metal: .07 cents per pound.

## Thorne Bay Solid Waste Saturday Schedule during 2010

January 2010							February 2010							March 2010							April 2010						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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May 2010							June 2010							July 2010							August 2010						
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September 2010							October 2010							November 2010							December 2010						
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Saturday public hours will be 9 am - 4 pm every other Saturday beginning 2/6/2010. Open dates are shaded.  
Due to the Christmas Holiday, the facility will be open on 12/18 and closed 12/23-12/25.